

DIARY OF EDWIN CLARKE



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NOTE BOOK

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SCHOOL

Perry High



Jan. 24, 1917.

Today I was going past
sevensense's store and
I thought I would get
a diary so as to know
what happens every
day so I will begin today;

Tonight after school
when I came home there
wasn't any kids
around and after a while
don and George Hershaw
came and I went out
to play with them.
Punkin couldn't come
because he was up to
snooker's house boxing
after a while we went
up to Bud's he said that
it was great skating
up to the swamp (the
one by the old shack
sneeze and Doc Bantman)
so we went up to see

and it had all melted so
we came home and I only
found a little thing which
you put on a chair and when
you sit down on it it
gives a squeak. Papa nearly
fell out of his chair and
aunt Hattie sat down on
it and never heard it.

Thurs. Jan 25, 1917

Awful windy, Its pretty near
time for my Popular mechanics
magazine to come. I read two
books yesterday, The Call of the
Wild by Jack London and Boy
Scouts canoe trip. Miss Fox
the school teacher stayed
with my sister Louise
all night last night
I didnt read anything tonight
hardly. Nothing particular
except that Lena Royce
came up and sang some

songs to us while she was
waiting for my sister to
go to dancing school
with her. The songs were
awful pretty. I passed
with honor from the 2nd
Grade to the 8th Grade
my standing in regents
in Arithmetic was
97 In spelling 85 I
expected to get about
60. I have got a diary
about Harry A. Shute.
I tell you he must have
had some pretty wild
times. He couldn't spell
worth a cent. If I couldn't
spell better I would chase
my ankle. I dont have
to work as hard as he
did because we have
a colored (brown) girl
working for us. She
isnt going to stay long.
We kids dont have half
as much fun as Harry

quite did. He was awful funny
All the doorbells around
here are so that you have
to go up and press a button
or turn a knob. so as
you cant tie a string to 'em
and pull them. Doors
of five years ago
the drifts up to the
field were 2 or 3 times
as high as they ever
are now. My mother
sometimes is pretty
mean because I have to
hook my bathing suit
to go in swimming
and I am scared stiff
because I am afraid
that my brother would
see me and tell mama
that I was in swimming.
Sometimes I have it
pretty tough like when

I got a new pair of stock-
ings. Hambone, Butkin and
me went up to the outlet
to get some willow
lances and I had my new
stockings on. I stepped
on a stick sticking about
half way up to my knee
and I stepped on it
and tore about a square
foot out of my stockings.
I did that before
thanksgiving and
they don't know it yet
you bet. If it had been
somebody else it
wouldn't have happened.

Tri. Jan. 26, 1917
Cold and windy. I went
to the show. The night
part of it was awful
funny. There was a rich
New Yorker who wanted
to buy some land from
a Dutchman in Pennsylvania.
But the Dutchman wouldn't

sell and the N.Yorker rolled
right out I will get the
law after you you
pinheaded Dutchman
and the Dutchman puffed
on his pipe again and
he stood up and looked
as if he was going to hit
the N.Yorker right
in the middle of the
stomach and the Dutchman
said you look out that
I don't hit you mit dis pin-
head inder middle of the
stomach. and he sized
the dog on the N.Yorker
and the dog chased the
N.Yorker a long way.
I wish every Dutchman
would do that to some
of those stuck up N.Yorkers.
Jim Wade makes me
laugh. When he was

up here mending carpet
he was talking about
his fine all wool sweater
that his brother made
him. He was bragging
of what fine underwear
which his nephew
had sent him but he
said this in earnest
Why I cant wear them
you know, Why if
I wore them I would
have to take all my
clothes off at night
and put them on in
the morning. I nearly
split laughing but he
didn't hear me you
bet. I won't wear
any more because
I want to read

Sat. Jan, 27, 1917

Bright and fair in the
morning but cold and
windy at night. I went
down to smokers

to box them with
Bunkin. there and there
was a half foolish man
who lives there and when
he boxes he just swings
his arms and if you hit
him he wouldn't know
the diff. I asked him if
he had any brains and he
said no and laughed. He
always laughs after
he says anything. After
that I went skating
my skates only came
off 2 times

Sun. Jan 28, 1917
Bright and Fair. Donald
and I had a snowball
fight out in our front
yard today and Lena
Royce came up to
our house and sang
some songs. There

was one the Cry of
Rachel. It was awful
Weird and it made
me feel like going over
and help the allies
fight the Germans. They
don't know much.
I'd like to know what
is the matter with
all the kids around
here lately they
don't seem to come
down to our house
or anywhere to get
together and have
some fun but some
times I go up to their
house and when
I get up there they
have an engagement
with their girls. It
makes me pretty mad
Let 'em just wait and
they will be sorry.
anyhow I had some
fun with Donald

Mon. Jan. 29, 1917.

Warmer.

I just hate to go to
sunday school only
yesterday we had some
fun. Edison and I pretended
to want to finish a
story in our sunday
school paper and
his sister and Edna
grievous stayed and they
chased Edison and me
all around the church
and we pumped and in
the organ and ed played
it, it went like this
the pump went squeek
squeek-squeek-squeek
and the organ went
Boom ya boom ya
boom ya ya ya Boom
ya Boom ya Boom
ya ya eta. ya Boom ya

anyway we had some
fun. ^{Jan 31} I went up to the
High School room
you can raise the
duce and get away
with it. tonight
after school I went
down to snookers
to box. Hambone was
down too. Snookers
is a really boxer
he can put it all over
me. I never cried once
Snookers he gave me
some great sidwinder
and uppercuts. And
while I was swinging
my arms trying to
come within 1 ft of him
I gave him a awful
one right in the side
and it made him
yell and nearly fall
over. I don't know how
it happened. It may
have been an accident

after a while Hambone
began to box with
brokens and he
could guard better than
I could but when he
hits it feels like he was
trying to lick you with
a lumb's tail. He can't
hit hard at all. I went
to the picture show
tonight. Up to school
Harty hollered right out
when classes were
passing. Hello Pat
and prof called him
down right in front
of the ~~school~~ room and
called him a little
green potato. I had to
laugh. there are about 20
people in the room
Jan 20 1917

Cold, went down to Charley
Wright and boxed. Brokens
gave me one on my sore lip
and I cried for a minute
I guess he was scared because
he wouldn't box with
me any more. But if
he can lick me boxing
he can't win a real fight
because I have tried
it and I put my arms
around him and
give him the bear hug
and get him down and
lam him out of him
I have done it before
and I can do it again
I went to a lecture
on astronomy and they
had some slides. See
I thought they would
give us something new
but I knew all about
except that about
about tides and stars
I knew all about the moon
the sun and everything

He was talking about sunspots
and he didnt say anything
about every 11 years. great
explosions are on the sun
and that there are more
sunspots then there are
other times.

Jan. 31, 1917

See Whilikens, what
do you think tonight
we had a thunder
shower & it rained. Just
as soon as the rain
struck the ground
it froze. Some time to
have a thunder shower.
This afternoon paper
could hardly print
the paper because
there was so much
electricity in it
& I guess it is because every
"near explosion"

on the thunder it affects
wireless telegraphy
~~and~~ ^{sunspots & some} other thing.
The clouds were awful
low so that the electric
lights shone on them
and it looked as
if there was a fire over
in Warsaw or
somewhere. I went
up to snooties to
box tonight and I
waxed him up pretty
good and ~~about~~ ^{took} his
glasses off nearly
I didnt cry once.
When I get mad I begin
to cry and when I get
like that I can pitch
into a fellow and turn
him out of town & they
can hit small things
to but it dont hurt
me when I am mad.
I dont like to get mad
because they & cry

Feb. 1, 1917

Very cold, Pumpkin
came over tonight
after supper and
we tied each other
up and then tried
to untie ourselves
once pumpkin was
given in and tying
knots for about $\frac{1}{2}$
of an hour and I got
out in about 1 minute
after a while and came
up after a book and
then pumpkin had
to go home we
went with earp
stayed up till 10
o'clock

Feb. 2, 1917

I earned a quarter
today by taking a lot

of posters around the
business places
and as for the money
I put it up where
it can be easily seen
and then I went over
to the hardware and
got 1 pound of putty
and I went upstairs
to the tin snapper
and he made me a
12" putty shooter
I can shoot pretty
straight with
it and I am going
to make some
cock darts which
will stick into anybody
because there will
be a pin on each
one. The kids better
not get on around
me. I have got a
thing shot which
will bury a B.B. in
a soft thing but the

handle & rotate. It was
made out of a 1" board
& hit puntin right
in the face once but
I shot it easy then
I can shoot a monkey
out of sight straight
up. It is below
zero today.

Feb. 3, 1917.

I forgot to say that
last night Joe
took my pretty
shoulder away
from me and he
took it away tonight
too just casual
& I was raising the
duke in the little
sitting room playing
fighting the Americans
& ~~German~~ ^{America}
~~was~~ ^{was} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~relations~~ ^{relations} ~~with~~ ^{with}

(honest) ~~the~~ Germany
It would have been
all right if President
Wilson had done
it 2 or 3 years ago.
It is below zero.

Feb 4, 1917

Sunday - gosh nothing
much doing on Sundays
but I had something
in a church. Gosh!
I didn't know that
Joe was so prominent
why he got a letter
from Teddy Roosevelt
half of it was written
by a typewriter &
that in his own hand-
writing. He was President
then & mean T.R.
He has got a photograph
of Vice President ^{Charles} ~~Clark~~
& on the back it says, to
my dear friend C. S. Clark
I feel pretty big. He is
going to save me. My

father is the best man
in the world. I can't
name my father & mother
until spring unless
I swipe it. I guess I
will buy another one
Feb. 5, 1917.

It was good weather
yesterday. It is very
cold today. It is
Donald's birthday
today he is 8 years
old & he got an old maid
game of cards & the hollow
tree ~~tree~~ & a night
& a new shirt & a
fountain pen & we
went to the show
pretty soft for us

Feb. 6, 1917
Cold - Nothing particular
today

Feb. 7, 1917
Very cold - Gosh! Talk
about hard labor, I pretty
near broke my
back today shoveling
walks the snow was
about $4\frac{1}{2}$ ' thick
& I shoveled it way down
to the ice on the walk
which was there when
it rained. Yesterday
when I did the front
walk Hamline, Punpun,
Snookums & myself did it
but Snookums went
home early because
he thought we were
coming up to his house
to box. We got the walk
done just the same

Feb. 9, 1917.
See I forgot to write
about yesterday because
Lorry & no went to the
snowing picture
& took little George

ment & early day
down to the snow
& we had Mr. & Mrs.
Chaple & Mr. & Mrs.
Reepins came at noon
& we had 4 chickens
& guss ate 9 or 10 ~~stomach~~
sticks & was so hungry
I ate 2 liners & 10 minutes
in school. I had them
done up in my hand-
kerchief. When we got
home everybody was gone
except Winnie. We
didn't know where to
sleep so we played
old maid for a while
& then I put down on
the lounge & laid
on the floor in front
of the fire & next thing
I knew I got an
awful headache on my

Boombasie. Mary got
Harry they are married
Mary is my sister
& she woke me up but
she had to shake
me around some before
she could make me
know where I was.
Lots of times I have
never woke up
when the fire whistle
blows. Pretty tough
on me. When I got up
to Louise's room
which was where we
was going to sleep
I didn't know whether
I was dreaming or
not. But after I got
in bed & tried down
it was the last I knew
until Louise woke me
up & said that it was
quarter after eight
& that first bell rings
at 1/2 past eight &

I & Tommy & Inguine
had to wash out the
boards. but I did them
this noon. Tommy worked
about 5 min. & said
that he had to go
home. I had to finish
them pretty tough on
me. Louise was playing
cards tonight & she was
so interested that she
didn't know that I
tore up a good sized
piece of cardboard into
little pieces & put it
on her hair. When I
got through with looking
like snow & she never
knew that it was
there. I put some
salt in the sugar
bowl tonight but I
guess I didn't put any

in. because nobody
said anything. If I
don't forget it I will
dump the sugar out
& fill it up with salt
if they don't know the
diff when they taste
of their tea I
will quit it. ^{Bottoms, Ellen}
Feb. 10, 1917.

Very cold & windy. Down
to Garrison's you can
step from the snowbank
into the trees & I
went down there. &
old man Garrison
was shoveling walks
& he hollered don't get
on that walk young
fellow I don't get
freshe either. I
put my hand up to
my nose & wiggled
my fingers ~~like this~~
~~and~~ He was mad. So I
went a round the other

way & I hid on top of the
snow bank & he came
snooping around to
see if I was up to any
mischief & I laid low
& he started shoveling &
throws a shovel full
on my face which I
didn't expect & then
I threw the hunk of
snow at him that
I was going to & I
threw 2 others
which hit him on
the head & then I
dusted down to Bud's.
Mr. Butler & I played
chickens & I beat him
2 games out of about
7 or 8. He is a pretty
good player too.
~~I changed~~ the salt
in the sugar bowl

but Winnie, the colored
girl who works here
told mama but
she is gone & now for
hard labor on my
part. She went
tonight but I am
going to do it again
Monday. I guess I
will never see that
putty shooter again.
I am going down to
Olin's hardware where
Harry works & get
some white lead to
mix with the putty
so as to get it soft &
then I am going to
put it in a tin
can so it won't
harden. You know I
started this diary so
as to get something
funny in it but there
is nothing funny that happens
with me except one is

a great while. Yatsky
(pronounced Yats key)
has got a new pair of
skies.

Jul. 10, 1917.

Zero Weather. Sunday.
Well, I am going to
pump the organ every
Sunday now & I bet I
will have some fun
just wait till I get my
patty-shower.

Jul. 12, 1917.

Yosh it won't be great
& changed salt for sugar
& pa tasted of the tea
& he said, suffering cats
what's the matter
with this tea. I nearly
nearly split laughing
Ma told me to dump
the salt out & wash
the sugar bowl & fill

it with sugar. I wasn't
so funny then.

It was below zero all
day. In the morning
it was 8 below at noon
1 below & tonight it
is 8 below.

Jul. 13, 1917

Warmer - Volunteering
particular today.

Don't feel very well
tonight & have got
a belly ache.

Jul. 14, 1917

Warmer - It's a good
thing because the
cupsid of Loungers
freeze in his
customary attire. Today
is valentine's ^{season} day.

I was awful sick last
night & I didn't go
to school today.

Well, President Wilson
don't know much about
hauling things foreign

power. Germany's
Blockade is causing
shortage of coal.

If T. R. was president
there would not be
any war yet ~~that~~ and
neither would there
be any submarine blockade.
If T. R. was President
there would probably
be universal military
training. There would
be no war with Mexico
& there would be no
shortage of coal or
of wheat or anything.
I stand by T. R.

Feb. 16, 1917

Warm. 22 above. I got
my hair cut today.

Feb. 16, 1917

Bright & fine.
Went down to plant

Tonight & Yatsky &
Dunkin said they
would come down
but they never showed
up. Pleasant & fine
made tunnels in the
hay & told stories.

Dunkin said that
he bought some 6 'skies
but he never had
any. I forgot to
write this in my
diary yesterday.

Feb. 17, 1917

Warner - Beachy Packing
I pumped the organ
up to church today
for quire rehearsal.

Feb. 18, 1917

Talk about your fun
today in church tonight
when I was pumping
the organ. The organ
came up & we revised
the choir. It made noise
by hitting the organ & making

& I heard this toad stabber
or kniffer & when ^{Deel} ^{brother}
would stick his hand up
to hit the wall ^{some would help} ^{quiet} would
jab him in the
hand & he would draw
it back pretty quick.
I see I gave him a
jab in the neck ~~through~~
I stuck my hand through
the curtain. He is in
the choir (quint). He gave
a jump & stretched
his neck about a foot
& then he lay down to himing
& wrote a picture
on the blackboard of
Dock Washburn singing
& I put a lot of criticisms
about him on the picture.
Today was looking
around for a piece of
chalk & found none.

putting snow. The
hale up to church which
I was going to shoot
my pretty shooter
through is too hard to
get at & I am losing a
hole lower. Collision
came up & I had a lb. of
putty which we softened
up with our hands
& then after I had gone
to bed I opened the
window & shot them
out. I won't tell home
because he would tell
Mamma. It was colder
today.

Feb. 19, 1917

I went to the show
tonight & this aft.
It rained & just as
soon as it hits the
walk it froze & everything
is slippery. I fell down
3 times going down
to the show & mine came

Feb. 20, 1917

Cold. Ellie Rudd & I got all
the wine from the tree by
the corner over to Glen Helen
Barn roof. We bring it
it from sneeze into
box 50 & pretty heavy
as lot of it was insulated.
He & Carl Butler or Bud
are going to rig up
a telegraph. Bud says
he wants 50-50 on the
wine. It isn't fair, because
Ed gets the sets put up
old wine & the new
wine. Bud's wheels are going
around, wrong.

Feb. 21, 1917

Cold. Nothing Particular
today except that I
had some fun up to
school in back of Edman
clan's place. It was just
one glass of ice

Feb. 22, 1917.

Fast - I am going to Mackinac
tomorrow morning on the
8.15. My sister & her husband
live over there. Her
husband's name is Mr.
Roth. He is prof of the
school over there.

Feb. 24, 1917.

Warm this morning & cold
this aft. Mackinac is
pretty much of a horse
town. 3 grades in 1 room
at a time up here to
Cerry there are 3 rooms
to 1 grade. You see there
is some diff. Sat. aft. not
more than 12 rigs
passed through main
st. in Mackinac. Fri.
night I played Bliss's
town team. Bliss beat
us 21 to 20. Bliss beat the
heavies & more than

slapped my face & tripped me up & I fell on my right hand & a lump of ice went in the palm of my hand & I cut my little finger too & I cut the side of my hand. juy - w - sus - tut - w - a - i - tut - Pup - w - nun - Ruff - i - nun - o - lul - clud - but - o - gutt That means just wait for an old boy I shall wait him up good tomorrow.

Feb. 28, 1917.

Oh no, I didn't get the pumpkin today after we had I went down looking at pile of logs & he gave me a cry & I waited about an hour & he didn't show up so I started home & he was riding on his

poney & I asked him if he would come down & I would only give him 2 kudoot, good book with my knee but he said no & because he was near his house & said I would wait until tomorrow & I would get him & I will by gorry. ~~He said~~ #

(Forward) March 4, 1917

The kids came up tonight all except Bud so we couldn't draw up a constitution & elect president vice president & treasurer. Yatskey wants to be treasurer. That's yatskey always around when money is in it. He would go down & spend it on berries neezey or Helen bob ties. I won't say the name of our club. it is tut hashe Duranungagerunrus. I wrote it in this language so don't want get this diary & know. I don't want him to know the name.

He is in Phinnerys gang. We was
wrestling on the bed just now
& I stole Phinnerys plans & he
dont know it yet. He tore it
out his notebook cause I gave
him a spar & when I was
giving it I took the note-
book but he found it out
because he went to them.
I shall copy them & then
I will put them back

March 2, 1917

Gosh! Today our kids got together
& elected me President of
the Duranungugemuns I spelled
it in the hall because Dory
would get it. Edison Latham
is vice president &
Edward Ganchy treasure
& voted for Jimmie as
treasure. Bernie & Velzy
& when I got this well get
some donuts & ice cream

I'm thinking. We drew up
a constitution but
we have got to make it
more complete. We are
going to build a shack up
to Lathams lot up where
the orchard ~~was~~ & we
will have some gang if
we keep on.

Mar. 3, 1917.

I drew up a new constitution
today. 6 articles I shall
put more in tomorrow.
Tonight Dory & I played
mahales trying to get
them into a cigar box.
We put rows in front
so the other fellows
cant get in. We had
lots of fun until I got
sent to bed. We
swept some of the
owl and eating them
the most awful good

Mar. 4, 1917

inauguration of the

I haven't heard anybody
say anything about
it. I only swept the
plans in the morning
but I had them within
10 minutes after I
found out he had them.
Bill & I went camp
up tonight & played
marbles. He said that
Junkin had told him
about tunnel & he had
forgotten all about it.
He said that George
Hearshaw had told him
that he was in it.
I'll fix Junkin & George
Mar. 5, 1917.

Had a meeting today
nobody showed
up except Bud
Stanton & Ed. Salter
& a few others.

We will have to have
more discipline ^{in our} ~~my~~ ^{my}
Mar. 6, 1917.

Nothing particular
today.

Mar. 7, 1917.

Warm - nothing particular today.

Mar. 8, 1917.

Warm in morning but
in afternoon it was
cold & windy & it snowed
downy got licked today
& I nearly died too. Papa
had the shoe & was
going to lick me
but he let me off till I
did something worse.
President Wilson the
second. I wish I had
got the licking because
then I would know it
by now. In school
today there was an
example which was
an old man had 300
daughters. He left 3 times

as much to the girl as
he left to the boy &
I said to Kathleen Browne
& wished that I was the girl.

Then she raised her
hand & said to the
teacher that I said
I wished that I was a
girl. Gosh I felt pretty
small. Gee, my sister
playing with dolls
not much. ^{Yonkers Companion}
came today

~~Mar. 11 1897~~

Now know Mrs. Sweet
Well today Mrs. told who
lives in a double house
& Mrs. Sweet lives next
door in the double house
she heard a squeaking noise
& she went out & Mrs. Sweet's
door was open & she shut it
& went over to Mrs. Trapp
because she was Mrs. Sweet's

girl & she asked her where
Mrs. Sweet was. Mrs.
told thought she was out
of town because the
mail in Mrs. Sweet's mail-
box had not been taken
out. Mrs. Trapp said she
didn't know so they
went over to investigate.

When they went in there
there was a note on her
desk & it said that God
was calling her & she
must go. She said that
just as soon as whoever
saw that note to call up
Dr. Goodwin so Miss told
him & Dr. Goodwin said
that it was done 2 days ago
or Monday night or Tuesday
she committed suicide
you know. In the note
she also gave orders to
what should be done to
her personal property
she had two boys

meine & Wayne. They
came about 10:30 & property
on another day Wayne
bought some flowers
& made a big fuss.
all he wanted was to
get some money.
When Mr. Sweet got a
divorce Wayne went with
him & testified against
his mother. I guess Chief
of Police Butler is
after her because
he stole some money
from the schoolhouse
& guess he got in
some sniping. I guess
herne has taken to
drinking & has gone to the
bad. Mrs. Sweet had a
wine mask suffocated with
cotton soaked in chloroform
& then she went to bed
& the chloroform burned
her face & all her
clothes & her body.
It is awful.

Mar. 9, 1917
Coldest & snow. Gosh,
that was awful
yesterday. I only shot
23 paper wads in
school today. Paper
went away this
morning on the 8:15
& came back on the 6:30
he went to Rochester
Don't I had a paper
wad fight tonight
one rubber snapped
on my lip & another
thick one broke & hit
the end of my thumb
It hurts like hell

Mar. 10, 1917
That was awful about
Mrs. Sweet. When she
lived next door she was
awful mean & disagreeable

When papa & Grampa would
go down to work she
would let the chickens
out into our garden. Some
of them were prize chickens
because they had taken
prizes in Rochester &
~~General~~ fairs. Well
one day papa went over
there & ~~told~~ her that
he had stood enough
& told her for about the
6th time not to let them
in our yard. She wouldn't
do it & let them in 3 or 4
times & then papa went
over & told her if they
came over in our
garden he would
kill them. So he
borrowed a rifle & got some cartridges
& then he went downtown

& then Mrs. Sweet let the
chickens out in our
garden & Mamma phoned
up papa & he came up
& took the rifle & went
in the sewing room
& put a cartridge &
aimed at a chicken &
hit it in the gizzard
& killed it then he
went out & threw it
over the fence & shot
another & threw it
over the fence & he
kept that up till he had
killed 2 & it dawned
upon Mrs. Sweet that
if she didn't want
any more chickens shot
she would come out
& get the remains of
the brood. Some of them
might have been prize
chickens but they looked
just alike to her.
This is clear today.

Mar. 12, 1917

Seventh sling shot
handle broke today. I
think I will make 1
tomorrow. My first one
broke & I have made
2 others but they all broke
before I got them
finished. The ground
was frozen today so
punkin & I played
catch. I would throw
them to punkin awful
hard & he can get
them off just as nice
as if he had been
playing all year.
I couldn't throw
any farther because
my ~~handle~~ broke
Mar. 13, 1917.

I got licked tonight
I hunt for about 2 miles

then I was all right
I had to change the dates
around because I didn't write
last night

Mar. 13, 1917

Well today I made an
oak sling shot down
in the shop up to
school. I ~~made~~ ^{made} some
more on my ball today

Mar. 14, 1917

Today I finished my ball
& sewed the last of the
string around it
today.

Mar. 15, 1917

I forgot to say that
yesterday I tested out
my sling shot with a
rubber band cost of 2 for 5¢
It wouldn't go far enough
cause there was not
much rubber. That
I couldn't pull it
back far enough but
now I took 2 off it
shoots a hundred

I got a book on Strongy
arms today & I am
going to do the exercises
tonight. I also sent for
a book on wrestling
which I expect tomorrow.

Mar. 16, 1917.
Nothing particular
today -

Mar. 17, 1917.
This aft I got my wrist
squirter gun & the rubber
cracked & I will have to
get some rubber
cement. I got my
wrestling book too.
It was just a book
with pictures of their
students who wrote
letters of their success.
It just showed a few
holds & the count trick
which you make
anybody be fall so
with. Snow cold & windy

Mar. 18, 1917
My water pistol but I
broke today & I will
have Joe Soder the
shoemaker mend it if
he can. Cold.

Mar. 19, 1917
I had my squirt gun
fixed today & it is all
right except that a
little piece is off the
end & it won't shoot quite
so far. Gee. What do you
think? Somebody put about
2 handfuls of marbles
in my pants up to
school. You know that
is a baby game.
Well this morning
George Baten played
the march when
classes were passing.
My piano would go

Boom ya Boom ya Boom
ya ya ya Boom ya
Boom ya Boom ya ya ya
& the marbles would
bounce around because
the wine of the Tians
& they would go jingle
jingle jingle tinkle
tinkle tinkle. Even
the teachers laughed
there are 12 teachers
in the big school where
it was, 1st period
Miss Plough pronounced
~~it~~ Took out 21 &
The ^{teachers} ~~less~~ others were
the more room
there was to bounce
around. it made about
5 ^{times} as much noise
but prof. finally got
them all out.
Mr. Shaw & President

of P. L. (C. L. R. A.) college
spoke this morning
He said that he knew
a young man who
was to write a
story on the automobile
It needs to have over
1000 words in it. He
told about his father
getting an automobile
& learning how to run
it etc. & that one
day they went
out for a ride.
They went all right
for a while but when
they were about 4
miles from home the
engine got out of
his father's control
and ran into a telephone
pole. He said that
he had written 750 words
& he would not write the
other 250 words because

They were what his
father said coming home

Mar. 20, 1917

I felt kind of sick today.
~~I will have~~ had to
gargle some carbolic
acid with something
in it. I don't feel good
all over either. Ed

Mar. 21, 1917

First day of spring
today. I bought a 25¢
golf ball & 12¢ worth
of jackstones which
was 48¢ I gave away
4 sets or 5 for the
20. I had the Rover boys
in the jungle today.

Mar. 22, 1917

Everybody is playing
Base Ball Bad & football
& yatskey & I played
catch. It was lots of fun

I had to wade in
mud about 1' deep
cause it went way
over the tops of the
bottom of some of my
felt boots.

Mar. 23, 1917

I went to the show
tonight. Nothing particular
today. You know Bryan
was lecturing on peace
out west in California
or some place & the dove
of peace ~~was~~ on his
head & that was not
all it did. Read ^{to suit for tonight} ~~to suit for tonight~~

Mar. 24, 1917

You know Mrs. Wygant,
well she thinks that
it is a great honor
to be asked to
the Clarke family
& she comes over a lot.
Well the other night
she came over & said

she just dropped in
to see how things
were going.

Well I thought that
I would see some things
going if she dropped
through the ceiling
or some place.

She has a habit of
coming in just
when it is sup^{per}
& staying to supper
& not helping with
the dishes.

Well I pointed
my water pistol
at her & said morn
or your life & she
said Oh, you wouldn't
shoot your aunt would
you & then she laughed.

When mead & Lona
came up for supper

& I told them about it
and said she
could be around a
corner. You know
she is an awful crosser &
mead said that if I
did shoot her he
didn't think it would
go through her she
was so tough. I just
had to laugh. This
is a joke on me.

Mead thinks he has
the biggest feet in
the whole family.

He wears no shoes.

Well, today I went
down town to get
some shoes & guess the
size 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - tremendous

hoor! I didn't know
I had such big feet.
I telephoned mead
& told him that he
wasn't the only break
in the family.

I got a new dollar
bell mit today & I
charged to J. A. but
I pay him 25¢ per
week for 4 weeks &
it will be all right
requiring hard labor
at the church organ
for 4 weeks. To bed

Mar. 25, 1917

Sunday read the over
boys in the mountains
today & this afternoon
Ed Latham & Buster Bents
& I went & played
ball this morn. & all of
this aft. I paid 25¢
toward my glove to
for today 75¢ more
for 3 weeks hard
labor at the church organ

Mar. 26, 1917

Ample warm. looks like

rain tonight. Had a
lot of fun today yatsky
peanut, pumpkin, hearty
Hambone & very healthy
Duffy Dorothy stark &
Dorothy & I went and
we had a Baseball game
& had lots of fun.
Somebody batted a fair
ball & it hit Dorothy stark
in the hand with the
glove on & somehow or
other she hung onto
it she made quite a few
home runs. some players

Mar. 27, 1917

Ample raining today's last
night but it cleared
up in the morning &
in the afternoon it got
cold & it hailed & it
got colder & then it
snowed. The hail was
about as big as a marble
after school I went
in the shop down in

basement & after a
while I quit & went
down in the empty
room & played catch
& came home to catch
only May, Don & me had
supper & a & Louis
went up to church social

Mar. 28, 1917.

Cold, This afternoon
after school Bud,
Deanut, Yatskey, Hambone,
Furkin, Billy & George
& me played ball.
Buddy was on 3rd Base
& was coming home
and Yatskey was pitching
& I was catching &
he threw the ball to
me and it hit me
on the head & bounced
up in the air & he never
knew it till it fell
down & he wondered
where it came from
He looked funny when
he learned the truth
& always ^{was} thick headed
in certain respects

Mar. 29, 1917

Warmer today. Deanut,
Yatskey, Hambone & Art
& George & me played
ball tonight lots of folks
Mr. Mudd & the Quakers
family. Bill Budd got the
crazy of making cider
& I gave big good apple
& went up there & he
was filling a jug but I
moved it & filled my
quart bottle & carried
it up & put it in
my waist & he never
knew the diff. Mr. Budd
went out carefully &
picked ten bush of crab-
apples because the were
selling at a low price

high price in New
York & bill wonders
how crabapple cider
would taste so he
took a few apples & he liked
it so he gave some to
all his brothers & sisters
& they liked it so well that
they used up the ten
bu. & had several jugs
of cider left over & Mr.
Rudel tasted of it & he said
it tasted funny &
they told him that it
was made of the crab
but he didn't get mad
cause he said that it was
done & getting mad
wouldn't get it back
about \$25 lost in it but
he didn't seem to care

Mar. 30, 1917
Today I got a \$1 base ball
bat & a new quarter cap
Jimmie bought a rubber
center & Donald got the
same kind of a ball
that makes me \$2 I still
have to pay. I guess I won't
immediately make money
while. I went to the
show tonight.

Mar. 31, 1917
We had an awful
thunder ~~storm~~ storm tonight
staves & boom boom
boom all the time
Gordon & George & Billy
Haynsone nearly &
Ed Latham played bag
this afternoon.

April first 1917
Not much fun today
because it is Sunday
I went down over after
some cobble & when
we got over here I
saw April fool we
need it so had

to take it back
I told him, I would give
him 10¢ if he would
get me a thick 4' x 4' stick
but he knew that
one & after a while
I sent him over to
aunt Mattie's after
5 yels of skimming him
& when he came back
he was awful mad
I put some corks in
the faucets & when
the water was
turned on the
corks would come
out & make a bang
& hit your hand if you
stand to wash your
hands.

Apr. 2, 1917

Rainy today, very
pleasant sun in patches

Maybelle had beauty
& I played with the
nigger baby on top
the ice box & after
that we played some
new game.

Apr. 3, 1917.

Nothing particular
today except that
Harry & Leary got
called down in
school by Miss Ashby

Apr. 4, 1917

No school day after
tomorrow

Apr. 5, 1917

Rebecca, today had
2 periods. Lots of fun

April 6, 1917

Good by teacher

Good by school

Good by world

Bloomington a fool

No school for a week

to us. It snowed

last night but it is

Melting fast. I payed
papa 26¢ today & now
only owe 35¢ to him
10¢ to Yatskey & 5¢
to Funkinor 50¢ all
together.

Apr. 7, 1917.

U.S. declared war
on Germany. Hurrah!

Apr. 8, 1917

Easter today I pumped
the organ in church
till I thought
I would burst.
I had boiled eggs in
white & blue & 1 gold
color & 1 pair.

Apr. 9, 1917

I went down &
had a ~~rather~~ ^{made}
I will tell you some
other times, made.

It goes a lot farther
than the other.

Apr. 10, 1917

Yatskey & Bud nearly
had a fight today
mostallo.

Apr. 11, 1917

The kids came up
today & played ball.
Billy said to me
Now Ed I'll speed & m
right over so hard
that you can't see
them & he put on
right over the
game & I learned
it the hell of a way.

Apr. 12, 1917

Nothing much today

Apr. 13, 1917

The kids came up
today & played ball.
The best game this year
I ever saw. Peanut game
Meat & Kirs & raw is
a big blow from
rochester almost as

bad as Bud. That says
a good deal of Dory & Matthew
those 3 kids. out, Dory
count meaks & dongs
& Matthews. were
standing Yatskey
Peer & how bud & myself
of our side hear 14 tells
I can't was on 3. &
there was 2 strikes &
2 down. & I put 1 right
over the game & Cooper
didn't strike at it &
I aimed one at the plate
but it was an in
& it curved way out
of his reach & he swung
at it. He is left-handed
or Lefty.

Apr. 14, 1917
Will Roth my brother
in law & Dory
worked the lawn
put grass seed on &
rolled it talk about
hard labor. We only
got 5 eggs today. We
generally get 7 or 8 out of
11 hens. This morn. the kid
came up & played ball
& cause her. how got
out on 1st & bud said
he was safe & he would
give it so he got mad
& started to go home on
his bike & he didn't go just
then & I asked him if
he was going & he didn't
say anything & he can't
say we don't give a
damn whether you
stay or not. He can't
but he uses a lot of slang
Well bud went & we
hollered after him
& said God riddam
bad rubbish. After
a while we played

21 & Bud came back
& passed out some
crackers & played
ball again. I thought
he would.

Apr. 15, 1917
Sunday. The kids
came up & we
played 21. I was up
only 2 times & I hit
them awful hard & the
kids miss them & get
a lot in the head so
I have a long talk.
I bought a quarter
ball today but it
went up to 35¢ in
stead of 25¢. It is a
lively Bouncer & the
inside is rubber &
I know because I have
taken the inside out

at the school today. Cloudy
70° 50° - never today.

Sage's cat caught
the cage of economizing
because of the high
cost of living. It
came in the office
cellar. When Grandma
went in another room
for a minute the cat
went in got up on
the table took Grandma's
canary bird out &
scattered all of the
birdseed around &
left the feathers of the
bird on the table. The
piper carried the
bird. Sage said
they were awful
sorry but not 35¢ worth.
The bird cost 75¢.
Bob says I can
in swimming in
6 weeks.
Conny of the

shiner in a fist fight
than I ever saw.

He is about 2 times
as big as Charley ~~Wynn~~^{Wynn}
& he started to bully
him & Charley got him
down & gave him a
paist in the eye ^{this black} eye was
so big that it covered half
of his cheek. He went
in the schoolhouse
belling it is the best fight
I ever saw. About 2 or 3
years ago we used
to have great fights
but now nobody
fights hardly.

Daps office is right
next to the garage
sageskin above their
garage. My brother
read lines with his
wife ~~some above~~
office & Grandma was
with read & Leona.
I went to the show

tonight & it was Kernis
all it was was some
little kids. marched
around & danced.

& then some big girls
Apr. 17, 1911

In school yesterday
Kenny Harmon sat
with me because he
forgot to bring his
book to class & I put
my foot on the
other desk & gave
harmonic a push &
he went right off
the seat & fell onto
the aisle ^{with} the
thump I got peed
for doing it.

Played Sage to night
with Kenny, Dinkin
Seamus & Harry
Harmonic looked bad

& Becker. Becker just moved in morrow's house his name is Ronald Gardner & he is left handed & swans like Tom has got a \$1.25 Baseball & is 9 years old.

Apr. 18, 1917

Looks like rain. Worked till half past five & then played Ball. I went out after supper tho.

Apr. 19, 1917

This morning Dr. Hoff made a speech on the food problem in this country. He said we cannot realize the seriousness of the

situation. He said we should sign a law to encourage in the government service. You leave school on May 1st & get credit for all work. Dr. Hoff said that some kids would think Well I will start work on the farm, work before exams. He said it wouldn't go down. It seems the ball of the bat & crazy people take after the Kaiser. I think he ought to go in some big house & given good treatment. All the nations seem to be declaring war against Germany. Worked till nearly 6 tonight & played ball after the other side beat 4 to 6. Billy & I won.

is getting up a team &
I am to pitch & Peanut
catch. We are going to
Play Gordon wampoles
Saturday if the pick
shows.

Apr. 20, 1917

I went to the
show tonight.

Apr. 21, 1917

We had the ball game
all right this morn but
after we finished
the game we went
over on the grandstand
& played tag. We
played ball up to the
fence grounds. the
kids or Henry Hambone
Bud, Cooper, Peanut
& Pumpkin Wampool
handed me a hat & took it
up in the bell tower
& I was playing 21
on the diamond with
Bill & home. Kenneth
Ralph & Bill Courtney
So Hank came over &
played with us till
the kids would give
up his hat. My bat
was over on the side
of the & the kids up
in the bell tower
got Wampool to get
all the bats & Bill
hollered that they
were taking my bat
so Hank & I went over
there I went after
my bat & Hank at
the hat I went over
& got under & started
to go up but they
put boxes on top.
Wampool had been
in such a hurry
in such a hurry

to get away from me
that hog & spee
a bat. I swung 3 or 4
beer bottles which
were laying on the
floor & hit the bats
but didn't do any
good so I got the
bat & knocked a
box to pieces & they
put a beer keg
on top & I pulled
them both down
& I took the bat
& knocked 5 more
boxes to pieces & I
wondered where all
the boxes were coming
from so I went
around to see &
there was punk
hand ~~drag~~ ^{drag} them

^{to the kids so when}
he saw me he ran
up the well tower
pretty lively &
I broke all the other
boxes & then I went
over there & Hank
was plugging cobbles
up at the kids
so I went in & began
breaking the boxes
again & I told Hank
to keep it up & he
was doing really so
he did. Well I knocked
another box to pieces
& they only had
1 more & they sat
on that & I hit it
an awful crack & the
wood broke & I hit
somebody's head &
he jumped up & over
them Hank flew
a rock & it took
the kid on the head
& he laid down

& hauled like a good
fellow. When I began
to rock some more
holes in that box they
began to poke bats at
me & I took 3 which
they poked at me &
Nank said they were
coming down so I
ran around to pick
them out of them
as they came down.
but when they saw
me they went very
quietly & I threw
my bat at me & told
me to go away & leave
them alone. I guess they
had had enough. Bud said
just because I flung
a rock & hit him on
the west side of his
pant or when the

son tells that I had
to use rocks when I
told him if
he wanted to prove it
& if he thought he could
to come down & fight it
out like a man. & he
said if he wanted
to he could punch
my face in for me
& I told him to come
down & try it but
he stood up there &
called me names & blew
off steam at me & I
called him a damn
coward & the whole
bunch was too & if they
would come down
two at a time & fight
me I would show em
but they said they
liked the breeze up
there & they didn't
want to come down here
because it was too hot

* I said it would soon
be a little better
if they did come down
but they didn't so
Billy George & Hank &
me went home. anyway
I gave somebody a
good crack. I cried up
there because I was
so mad. They didn't
hurt me but I was
so mad I cried.
I am not mad at
them now because
they had enough.
I missed choir rehearsal
tonight because I
was so late fighting
for my car. The
kids better not
get too fresh with
me or I will show
them the things I can do.

Apr. 22, 1917

Nothing much today.

Apr. 23, 1917

Boys are going tomorrow
because they have enlisted
in the army. They are
going to have a demonstration.

Apr. 24, 1917

The school bell rang
at 8 o'clock this morning
& the ring bell at 8:15.
All the kids in school
got in line & marched
to the depot after them.
Came all the firemen &
then the Falcons (Polish)
& all of their Boy Scouts
& then the military
boys came & all the
fellows who enlisted
came with them. Some
ladies & girls were crying
& I in school Bernette
Bley had been crying &
her eyes were red because
her brother went too.

All the way on main st.
a short & latent center
down by the department
crowded & people were
on top of the ceiling
& everywhere. All the
blags were out & it was
just great. This is a
good thing that the
U. S. declared war on
Germany. We
played ball tonight
after school.

Apr. 15, 1917

Played Ball tonight
for about 1 hr. &
then I had to
come in & work

Apr. 16, 1917

Cloudy & windy. I
can't play ball ~~this~~
week just because
was mad & hit my

stomach because I played
ball, mama says.
I can't play even 21 or
poker or one of a box
or old catch. It
is pretty tough on
me. I only got 13 notes
in school today. Some
wrote me notes & they
say "Hank up 10 or
or you will get too p
& a big hand of ink is
at the bottom. Just
cause I wrote 6 or 7 notes
to Laura m^e mahn
I got a note & it said
that if I was in love
with her I ought to
spend all my money
on her. I haven't got
any money to spend
on her now anyway
because last Sunday
I paid off all my debts &
had 20 left over &
bought 20 & worth of

permits to celebrate
my debts being paid off
I was sick & moulting
morning. Last evening
Lloyd Davis cut up
so that Miss Felloes
made him go over to the
other side of the room
& he stuck his foot out &
accidentally kicked
Miss Felloes in the
shin & she shook him
up just as some visitors
came at the door. The
visitors saw her shake
him up, & he felt
burning. Lloyd Davis &
Charles Jones read
every note that comes
along but I don't. When
I read notes to anybody I
have to throw them
over to the other sides

so Charles & Lloyd
won't read them.

I think ~~_____~~

~~_____~~ is a pretty
good girl all right.
Fair today fine of cloudy
Apr. 27, 1917

I went to the show
tonight. Youth companions ^{came today}
Apr. 28, 1917
this morning down
wung an old battery
& hit me in the ribs
& I wung it at him &
he stooped over & it took
him in the head & came
just exactly at 13 ft
measured it to see
Worked until 3 this aft
& went down to coopers
with curly Jones &
shot an English sparrow
with pumpin' ~~ball~~ gun
The watch said 15 min to
five so pumpin' latched
up his pump & with

drove me from coopers
to main street down
by the bank in 6 min
a pretty good time for a
jeep well when we
got here it was just
20 min to fire & I
was supposed to be
here at fire govt but
I was mad

Sun Apr. 21, 1917

Bright & fair.
Nothing much today.

Mon. Apr. 20, 1917

Rained last night.

Hensley & I were going
up on the castle road
to get some snakes to bring
up to school & save the girls
or something but because
it was wet outdoors we
didn't go. We are going
tomorrow to guess.

Tonight I rode

George Henshaw
Bike on the street near
& he had to go home because
he forgot to feed
his chickens &
so I had to get off &
hoof it & Henry got off
his old bike & walked
beside me. You know
yesterday morning an
old man gave Henry a
bicyc. & the frame
is broken. It has a
good coster. & wheel &
thick handlebars
& grips & pedals &
a good chain. When
they built the state
road here they left
2 old tar barrels
& some piles of brush
beside the road.
I will pull
the bicyc out & try
to get a lot of tar

in the ditch then we
put a lot of gravel
into the creek for the
dam. We did it just
for the excitement of
it. The kids don't
get much excitement
any more. Smashing this off

May 1, 1917

Fair tonight Dory &
I went in the pantry for
something to eat & I
saw a little mouse
& I got a paper bag &
then Dory scared it out
of several places. I
would grab for it but
I couldn't get it
& finally Dory got his
knee up against
the wall & I scared the
mouse out behind the
door & it ran right in

Dory's knee & he grabbed
it & put it in the bag
& we had it for
supper. We ate it & I told
I then we drowned it
I got only 1 may be kept
tonight. Junkin being
it to me & I couldn't
catch him running
so I had to wind him.
That means that I chased
him till he was all
tired out & then jump
on him & sit on him
till I got my breath.

Apr. 2, 1917

Cold & windy. Hershey
& I went fishing tonight
& didn't get a nibble.
There was an old dog
pelt up behind a stump
up by the culvert &
we threw it in the
outlet & he jumped rock
at it. There are lots of
worms in our backyard

May 3, 1917

I must be getting to be
a regular Sunday School
boy now. I only had to
go back & walk up the stairs
right once & I only
had to report to
2 teachers out of 12
I am lucky today & guess

May 4, 1917

Gosh! Today I came home
with my & Gordon
wampool & Leonard & mine
were down there pluggin'
rocks at the bank & I said
I'll double dare you to
plug at the old man &
I threw a sailor & he
said I loved that
it took him right
on the knee & there
was 2 women standing
right in the door

when I saw me throw
it & I told him
that they were seeing
things & they had had
one to many. I knew
that he wouldn't
tell probb because
he's so meech.
Whenever a man
blows off steam &
swears at you & tells
you that he will tell
probb or somebody
why you don't have to
be afraid of him at
all because it is always
the way with those
guys. Why when
Jack Wilson's boss
came here he put up
the best bluff I ever
see until I got in
a fight with him
& I annied him right
out of his mind
who are planned to fight

with me after that
till they got jack
number.

Sat May 5, 1917

just as I thought it
snowed this morning
& it was all slush
out doors & I had
to stay in the house
all day & couldn't
even go over to
peetys barn & be
with punkin
bud & the kids.
pretty tough on
me.

Sun May 6, 1917

It cleared up a little
today.

Mon May 7, 1917

I never see a chicken
jump so high as I did
today. Tonight after school

Punkin got his pump B-B
gun & we went over where the
orchard used to be.

Through a knot hole at
the chickens. We took
turns & we would wait
for a chicken to turn its
head away from us &
then we would flick. It
would hit & go thru
& the chicken would
hike into the chicken
house pretty lively.
but once there was a
young chicken & punkin
took a shot & the chicken
jumped 6 or 7 feet. It
jumped higher than
our head & landed on
its head & acted as
if it was dizzy & fell
down then it got
up & went into the
hen house & made an
awful noise. Guess I was
hit another one it

just jumped & old Jap
wood ~~opened~~ the door
& we went over to junkin'
but we didn't have
time to go over so
we went up a little ^{way}
to our help. It looks
just like the fence
but if you pull it it
opens & you can get
out. After that we
waited up in junkin'
barn & shot at some
old plugs that went
by. Once Bud took an
old horse in the
belly & it jumped &
started to ~~come~~ & we
could hear the old
man hollerin' whoa
whoa then. Gosh
but it was funny
& shot at a horse

& Bud hit the gun & it
hit ~~the~~ ^{the} cat. I hit the
cat jump & 2 times
as high as the chicken
& its feet were going
before it touched
the ground. Then we
put a pile of soap up
to peeky's barn on a
stick & plugged at it
with the Daisy Pump
gun. It isn't as powerful
as the King Air rifle
Once while we was
plugging at woods & such
it was my shot & just
then peeky's ant came
out & said what are
you boys doing & I
said quite a bit of shooting
at a target & I pointed
up in the trees & shot &
I said I hit & hit it
see if you can beat. Well
we kept at it a fine
showment in it was a

penetrating close I have
the carpenters have
got a lot more done
today on the extension
of the front porch

May 8, 1917

I got the record of my class
in school today. I did
an example 8 figures
across & 5 down in 20 sec.
pretty good for me. I love
arithmetic but I just
hate English. I don't know
beans about English & I
don't care to learn. It is
too hard. Cloudy

May 9, 1917

Rained a little last
night & it was very
cloudy all day. All the
shingles and laid on the
front roof I only shot
76 paper was in school today.